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AIR FREIGHT UP 7.4%

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 21 -- Air freight increased 7.4 percent in October, compared with the same month last year, and was up 11.3 percent in the first 10 months of 1986, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight rose 7.6 percent in October for the 21 air carriers reporting cargo data to ATA. Mail volume increased 2.6 percent. Total domestic air cargo, including freight and mail, was up 6.4 percent.

International air freight of the U.S. airlines in October rose 7.3 percent. Mail volume registered a gain of 7.0 percent. The total international cargo of these carriers increased 7.3 percent.

For the first 10 months, domestic air freight rose 9.0 percent. Mail was up 1.7 percent. Domestic cargo rose 7.2 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers during the first 10 months increased 14.3 percent. Mail had a slight gain of 0.1 percent. Total international cargo of the U.S. carriers was up 11.3 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
OCTOBER 1986	362,043	105,018	467,061	309,419	35,945	345,364	671,462	812,425
OCTOBER 1985	336,512	102,375	438,887	288,403	33,601	322,004	624,915	760,891
PERCENT CHANGE	7.6	2.6	6.4	7.3	7.0	7.3	7.4	6.8
10 MONTHS 1986	3,153,982	968,697	4,122,679	2,622,104	336,201	2,958,305	5,776,086	7,080,984
10 MONTHS 1985	2,894,423	952,874	3,847,297	2,293,576	336,013	2,629,589	5,187,999	6,476,886
PERCENT CHANGE	9.0	1.7	7.2	14.3	0.1	12.5	11.3	9.3

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Republic, Trans World, United, USAir and Western. Frontier included for Jan-Jul 1986/1985.